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SUBJ: LOCKHEED AND THE PRINCE

REF: A) THE HAGUE 4424; B) THE HAGUE 3746

1. LAST WEEK PRIMIN DEN UYL AND QUEEN JULIANA RECEIVED THE DONNER COMMISSIONS REPORT REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION INTO PRINCE BERNHARDS INVOLVEMENT WITH LOCKHEED. THE PRIME MINISTER PROMISED TO FORWARD THE COMMISSIONS FINDINGS AND THE GOVERNMENTS VIEWS TO PARLIAMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DEN UYL INFORMED PARLIAMENT THAT THE GON HAS ALREADY REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM THE US JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO PUBLISH ALL MATERIAL IN THE DONNER COMMISSION REPORT.

2. THE DAY AFTER RECEIVING THE REPORT, DEN UYL TOLD HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES THAT HE WISHED TO STUDY IT FIRST PERSONALLY BEFORE MAKING IT AVAILABLE TO THEM. AT THAT POINT ONLY HE AND THE QUEEN HAD SEEN THE REPORT. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER OTHERS NOW HAVE ACCESS TO IT, BUT PRESS SPECULATION AND COMMENTS ABOUT THE REPORTS CONTENTS ARE

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WIDESPREAD. THE VARIANCE IN THE SPECULATION ABOUT

FINDINGS INDICATES THAT THE REPORT APPARENTLY IS STILL
VERY CLOSELY HELD.

3. QUEEN JULIANA CUT SHORT HER HOLIDAY IN ITALY AND
RETURNS TO THE NETHERLANDS AUG 17. SHE IS SCHEDULE TO
MEET THE PRINCE UPON ARRIVAL. ONE DUTCH NEWSPAPER
REPORTS THAT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, THE SUPREME
ADVISORY BODY TO THE GOVERNMENT, HAD BEEN ASKED TO BE
AVAILABLE FOR POSSIBLE CONSULTATION.

4. WE ARE UNABLE TO SPECULATE ABOUT COMMISSIONS
FINDINGS OR PROSPECTIVE GOVERNMENT POSITION. GOVERNMENT
HAS WALKED ON EGGS FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS, AND MANY
CABINET MINISTERS HAVE TAKEN CONSCIOUS DECISION NOT TO
GET INVOLVED OR EVEN TO BE INFORMED OF EVIDENCE PRESENTED
TO THE COMMISSION. DEN UYL TOLD THE PRESS AUGUST 14 THAT
HE EXPECTED IT WOULD REQUIRE TWO TO THREE WEEKS FOR THE
GOVERNMENT TO COME TO A DECISION ON THE COMMISSIONS
FINDINGS. THE SECOND CHAMBER RETURNS FROM ITS SUMMER
RECESS AUGUST 24, AND THE NEW PARLIAMENTARY YEAR BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 21 WITH THE QUEEN'S TRADITIONAL SPEECH FROM
THE THRONE. SUBJECT TO THE COMMISSIONS FINDINGS,
THOSE DATES MAY INFLUENCE GOV'T TIMING.
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